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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, D.C. 20231 | Application Number | 09/720,180 |
| | Filing Date | December 20, 2000 |
| | First Named Inventor | Vincenzo D'Acchioli et al. |
| | Group Art Unit | 3761 |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

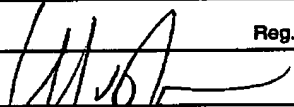
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- b. ☐ Other _____

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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **16-2480**.
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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) *for one month.*
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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